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DRAFT OF A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE TO THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you will recall, the reason for membership on the Intelligence Advisory Committee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was the desire of the National Security Council to ensure close coordination between foreign and domestic intelligence. The prerequisite to close coordination between these two fields is an exchange of information between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have instructed all elements of this Agency to disseminate to the Bureau items of information, which become available to them, that appear to have application to your function. I shall be most appreciative if you will reciprocate. I recognize, of course, the security precautions that will have to be observed by this Agency in utilizing any information you may supply.

As an example of the type of information I believe you might be able to furnish of importance to the production of intelligence bearing on the national security, I cite the case of Dr. Fuchs. This agency is responsible for making periodic estimates of the progress of the USSR in designing, producing, and stock-piling atomic bombs. One of these periodic estimates was produced last July. The information available to this Agency at the time that estimate was being written indicates that the Soviets could not have produced their first bomb prior to a certain future date. Recently information has been furnished to the public about Dr. Fuchs which indicates that the Soviet espionage effort had been

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successful to a certain degree in obtaining information that has enhanced Soviet capabilities in the design and production of atomic bombs. Had this information been available to the Central Intelligence Agency at the time the July estimate was being written, our computation of the time by which the Soviets could have obtained their first bomb would have been appreciably advanced, because allowance would have been made for successful espionage. In truth, the information would have had a great affect on the substance of our estimate, due to the paucity of information from other sources. I have no doubt that you will agree with me that the lack of a free flow to CIA of such information has most serious implications to the national security.

I urge that you give the fullest consideration to the matter of furnishing this Agency with information which would be useful to the production of intelligence bearing on the national security. I assure you that I will take all possible precautions to insure that any items of information that you may furnish through our existing channels are adequately safeguarded.

If you can see your way clear to cooperate with this Agency along the lines outlined above, I believe your contribution to the national security will be material.

Sincerely,

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Intelligence

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